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SENATE BILL 5846

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1 AN ACT Relating to a toll facility on Interstate 90 west of  
2 Interstate 405; adding a new section to chapter 47.56 RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the state  
6 route number 520 floating bridge project is facing a funding shortfall,  
7 and that imposing tolls to cross Lake Washington on Interstate 90 is  
8 being considered as a revenue source to complete the state route number  
9 520 project. The legislature recognizes further that such tolls may  
10 disproportionately impact the residents who must traverse a portion of  
11 Interstate 90 to access employment and necessary medical services.  
12 Therefore, and in response to concerns raised by local governments  
13 regarding this disproportionate impact on their citizens, the  
14 legislature intends to direct the department of transportation to  
15 explore options to mitigate any disproportionate impact that would be  
16 felt by these residents as a result of such tolling.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.56 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) During any ongoing or any future study into the tolling of  
2 Interstate 90 west of Interstate 405, the department must explore and  
3 evaluate options to mitigate the effect of tolling on affected  
4 residents.

5 (2) The department must consider the following mitigation options:

6 (a) Allowing all Washington residents to traverse a portion of the  
7 tolled section of Interstate 90 without paying a toll. Residents may  
8 choose either (i) the portion of Interstate 90 between the easternmost  
9 landing west of Mercer Island and the westernmost landing on Mercer  
10 Island; or (ii) the portion of Interstate 90 between the westernmost  
11 landing east of Mercer Island and the easternmost landing on Mercer  
12 Island;

13 (b) Assessing a toll only when a driver traverses, in either  
14 direction, the entire portion of Interstate 90 between the easternmost  
15 landing west of Mercer Island and the westernmost landing east of  
16 Mercer Island; and

17 (c) Allowing affected residents to choose one portion of the tolled  
18 section of Interstate 90 upon which they may travel without paying a  
19 toll. Residents may choose either (i) the portion of Interstate 90  
20 between the easternmost landing west of Mercer Island and the  
21 westernmost landing on Mercer Island or (ii) the portion of Interstate  
22 90 between the westernmost landing east of Mercer Island and the  
23 easternmost landing on Mercer Island.

24 (3) The department may also consider any alternative mitigation  
25 options that conform to the purpose of this section.

26 (4) For the purposes of this section, "affected residents" means  
27 those people who must use a portion of Interstate 90 west of Interstate  
28 405 upon which tolling is considered in order to access necessary  
29 medical services, such as a hospital.

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